

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3869**

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3869 amends Section 56-3-1230 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by requiring that the name of the county in which a car is registered and taxes are paid to be displayed on the vehicles license tag.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Motor Vehicles

The Department indicates there are two methods that can be used to implement this Bill. The cost would range from \$3,308,638 to \$17,830,772. Under the first option the name of the county would be printed on the license plate sheeting, which would have a total non-recurring cost of \$17,830,772. This total includes the basic plate cost, envelope and postage, sufficient supply of plates to provide an inventory for all forty-six counties to be placed in all sixty-nine field offices, and Information Technology programming changes necessary to develop and maintain initial bulk mailing process. These costs are based upon the approximately 3,576,000 registered vehicles in South Carolina plus an inventory of approximately 75%.

Under the second option DMV would provide all registered vehicle owners a decal to place on the plate which would require \$3,308,638 in non-recurring state funding. This cost includes an initial mail, individual decals for inventory and over-the-counter usage, postage, and Information Technology programming changes necessary to develop and maintain initial bulk mail process. A recurring cost for this bill would be approximately \$43,525. This cost covers the issuance of a county sticker with each new plate issued annually. These costs are based upon the approximately 3,576,000 registered vehicles in South Carolina plus an inventory of approximately 50%.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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